



# Romulus News

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## Timely Tidbits ...

### St. Aloysius Festival

The annual St. Aloysius Festival begins Friday, August 24, and runs through Sunday, August 26. For details, see page 7.

### "Romulus Day" Set

Eastern Michigan University is inviting everyone to attend its football game against Southeast Missouri State on Saturday, September 1, when the school will honor its nationally recognized "Romulus 7" (RHS "Class of 2001" grads Sam Estes, Ray Graves, Daniel Jarrett, Myron Mosby, Chris Talley, John Wester, and Michael Woods, who each received a football scholarship to attend EMU this fall).

Free tickets will be given to all Romulus High School students during the first week of classes, and bus permission slips will be available for those who need a ride. Note: All students who ride the bus to the game *must* return on it as well.

Adults who plan to attend can purchase half-price tickets (\$5) in advance in Mayor Oakley's office at City Hall. Those who wish to travel as a group should meet at City Hall by 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

### Homicide Info Sought

The Flint Violent Crimes Task Force has been investigating the November 8, 1986 homicide of a University of Michigan—Flint professor, Dr. Margaret Fink Eby, a 55-year-old woman who was killed in her residence on the C.S. Mott Estate. According to Commander David A. Early of the Romulus Police Department, DNA evidence has established a link between the Eby homicide and the homicide of a Northwest Airlines flight attendant, 41-year-old Nancy Jean Ludwig, which occurred in Romulus on February 17, 1991.

The RPD is working with the Flint Task Force in the investigation of the two cases. To that end, a tip line has been established for anyone with information regarding either homicide. The tip-line number is 1-877-634-8477. □

## Community Invited To Attend "Fun Fest"

Area residents of all ages are invited to take part in "Fun Fest 2001," set for Friday, August 24, at the Romulus Senior Center. Co-sponsored by Romulus Tower apartments, the Senior Center, and the Romulus Police Department, Fun Fest will be an all-day affair featuring a variety of entertainments and attractions.

Among the scheduled events:

### Baking Contest

Bakers are invited to submit entries in one or more of the contest's four divisions: cakes, fruit pies, custard/cream pies, and cookies. Entries will be judged on texture, taste, and appearance; judges will include Romulus Middle School's life-management teacher,

Betty Santo, as well as executive chef Michael Hunter of the Clarion and chef C. Pysko from Hilton Gardens. A recipe (typed preferred; handwritten also acceptable) must accompany each entry. All entries should be registered at the Senior Center at 8:30 a.m.; winners will be announced at 10 a.m.

### Walk Against Crime

A short, symbolic walk to demonstrate the community's solidarity in the fight against crime will be held at 9 a.m. under the supervision of Laura Singleton, a CPR-certified associate's degree candidate who has been working with Senior Center members this summer as part of her studies in exercise science/technology. Register at 8:30 a.m.

### Pancake Breakfast

Delicious breakfasts being cooked up by Senior Center and Romulus Tower representatives will feature two pancakes, two sausages, scrambled eggs, juice, and coffee, all for just \$3 per person (\$2 for kids six and under). Breakfast will be served from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. (or while quantities last).

### Turkey Dinner

Fun Fest's fabulous chefs are also planning a dinner menu which includes an open-face hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, gravy, veggie, dessert, and beverage. Advance tickets (available at the Senior Center) are \$6.50; tickets will also be available at the door for \$7 while quantities last.

### Entertainment

A variety of entertainments have been scheduled throughout the day, including:

- Walter Wunk and his accordion (10 a.m.)
- RPD K-9 Unit demonstration (11 a.m.)
- Dale Williams sings Frank Sinatra (1 p.m.)
- vocalist Carl Carlton (2 p.m.)
- Michael Jackson impersonation; magic by Incognito (2:30 p.m.)
- Sylvia Dubisky on keyboard (4 p.m.)
- Joe Moore and his saxophone (5 p.m.)
- Hubert Staten on keyboard (8 p.m.)

### Other Attractions

- prize drawings (every 15 minutes; must be present to win)
- mini health screenings conducted by Oakwood Healthcare Systems (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.)
- hayrides by Oscar Hamilton (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.)
- "dunk a cop" dunk tank (noon to 4 p.m.)
- face painting with Maria Lambert (3 to 4 p.m.)
- clown Ben Straight with his animal balloons (4 p.m.)
- Sahai "The Sun Sage" astrologer (5 to 9 p.m.; \$10 per person)
- non-monetary card games (poker, euchre, pinochle, etc.) plus bingo (6 to 9 p.m.)

### Thanks

Fun Fest's co-sponsors would like to thank those whose generous participation/contributions will help make the event a big success. They include the DoubleTree Hotel, the Clarion, and Hilton Gardens. □

## RPD Expands Service To Meet New CCW Law Requirements

On August 13, Gary Harris and Derek Humphrey — records clerks for the Romulus Police Department — were sworn in as special deputies for the Wayne County Sheriff's Department. Their new appointment allows them to fingerprint people applying for a permit to carry a concealed weapon.

"The new CCW laws, which went into effect in July, have resulted in such an enormous volume of permit applicants in Wayne County that the Sheriff's Department cannot keep up with the process," explained RPD Commander Eric D. Painter. "The County has asked local police agencies to assist them by doing the fingerprinting and local background checks, and Mayor William Oakley and Chief Charles Kirby have agreed to cooperate."

Humphrey would like to remind everyone that he and Harris will be able to service only applicants who are Romulus residents. Fingerprinting hours are Mondays from 1 to 5 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Applicants are urged to call ahead (734-942-6854) to schedule an appointment, since walk-in requests during the designated application hours will be accepted only as schedules permit. Cost of fingerprinting is \$15. Applicants must bring cash or a check or money order made payable to the City of Romulus Police Department.

Humphrey also noted that Tuesday and Thursday will remain the designated days for obtaining purchase per-

mits and registering firearms. The cost of a permit to purchase a firearm is still \$11. All guns registered with the RPD will receive a free cable lock.

Questions should be directed to Humphrey or Harris at 734-942-6874 or 942-6854.

### Summer Seat-belt Enforcement

Commander Painter reports that the Romulus Police Department is continuing its campaign to encourage motorists to wear their seat-belts and to issue traffic citations to those motorists who ignore the law.

"We recently concluded a three-week enforcement period in which over 250 motorists were cited for failing to wear their seat-belts," he stated.

According to Painter, the enforcement activities are made possible by a traffic-safety grant from the Office of Highway Safety Planning.

"The grant allowed over 150 hours of extra patrols, with a specific target of motorists who still don't wear their seat-belts," he explained. "Although Michigan law requires drivers and passengers to wear their seat-belts, recent surveys conducted in the City of Romulus found that only 80% to 87% of motorists voluntarily comply with the law. The grant is designed to impact those who continue to ignore the law."

The department will continue its seat-belt enforcement activities with an additional 200 hours of extra patrols through the Labor Day weekend. □



## Local Home Builder is also a Real Gem of a Rock Carver



Charles Tackett (left) displays some of his award-winning carvings (as well as the awards themselves) with the help of George Judd, a fellow Midwest Mineralogical Society member and certified gemologist.

By Rikki Strobos

It's hard to tell which is Charles Tackett's greater passion: home-building or rock-carving. Perhaps that's because he's so good at both.

Tackett's skill as a rock-carver is certainly beyond question. At the Midwest Mineralogical and Lapidary Society's 27th annual Gem and Mineral Show – held at the Allen Park Civic Arena in early June – he won first place with his hand-carved/finished animals done in alabaster. Judges awarded Tackett 98 out of a possible 100 points for his 10-member "menagerie," which included an eagle, a buffalo, and a crystal dragon. A carver who scores 90 or above is considered master-level.

When it comes to home-building, it's the continued success of his "Old Kentucky Homes, Inc." and "Consolidated Capital Corporation" that attests to Tackett's ability and dedication. When he opened his Romulus offices in 1989, he did so because he believed that the 50-mile area surrounding Metro Airport would soon be growing at an unprecedented rate. His foresight brought him to the right place at the right time.

"The booming market for new housing in the Romulus area includes a big demand for custom-designed, custom-built homes," Tackett explained. "As a builder/mortgage-broker/real-estate-broker whose focus is on quality, com-

petitive cost, and customer service, I help my customers make their dream homes a reality.

"I love my work," he added. "What could be more fulfilling than helping people make their dreams come true?"

Just as in rock-carving, it's the attention to detail that makes a custom-designed/built home come alive, says Tackett. He urges prospective home-builders to talk to him about their specific wants and needs when it comes to financing and construction because his expertise in both areas can help them fulfill their uniquely individual goals.

The 52-year-old Tackett was born in Ohio and raised in Wayne, Michigan. He has attended Washtenaw Community College, Eastern Michigan University, and Sharp School of Real Estate to further his education. Currently, he resides with his wife Kimberly and their nine-year-old son Kory in the City of Belleville, where he is a member of the Planning Commission. His favorite charity is FEED the Children; his favorite charitable event is the annual golf outing hosted by the Mayor's Drug Task Force of Romulus.

Old Kentucky Homes, Inc., and Consolidated Capital Corporation are located in Suites 2 and 3 at 10000 South Wayne Road, just north of I-94. For more information, call 734-941-4900 or 941-3980. □

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## Oakley Pep Rally Was Huge Success

The Committee to Re-Elect Mayor William M. Oakley recently hosted a dance at the Romulus Progressive Club. A standing-room-only crowd enjoyed music and dancing. C.J. Mac provided the music.

Oakley's supporters and well-wishers were joined by family and friends as Oakley made a typically (for him) short welcoming speech. Oakley emphasized the accomplishments of the past six years, which have been made possible by, in his words, a "progressive City Council." Oakley promised to continue the positive direction City Hall has experienced under his leadership, including a continuation of the fiscal programs that have resulted in Romulus residents paying the lowest City taxes in Wayne County for the last two years.

Anyone wishing to meet with Mayor Oakley to discuss campaign issues, or who would like to help with his campaign, can call him at 734-941-0403 or 734-941-4180, or visit his Website: [www.romulusmayor.com](http://www.romulusmayor.com).

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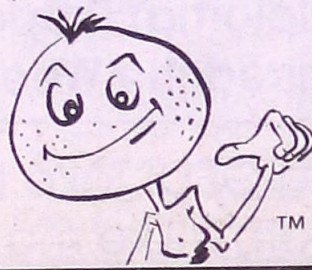
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## Silveri Principal at Halecreek

Romulus Community Schools recently announced the appointment of Sharon Silveri as the new principal at Halecreek Elementary School. Silveri replaces Lynne Mossoian, who is now principal of Romulus Elementary.

Silveri was previously the Learning Center specialist at Merriman Elementary, where she helped lead the school to its recent Golden Apple Award/\$50,000 prize from the State of Michigan. She also has experience teaching the third, fourth, and fifth grades at Halecreek and Hayti schools. District spokesperson Dick Kruse noted that, during Silveri's time at Halecreek, her fourth-graders scored consistently higher than the state average on the annual MEAP.

Silveri has further distinguished herself by serving on the district's technology, curriculum, and positive discipline committees, and helping district officials align the K-6 core curriculum in language arts, math, and science. She



**Sharon Silveri**

also provided additional support to the Halecreek positive discipline program by coordinating the school's fund-raising activities. □

## Students Study State's Groundwater



Special guest speaker Shana McMillan (second from left) joined Romulus students (from left) Jessica Dick, Jennifer Dick, Tommie Johnson, and Phil Martin for a groundwater and subsoil demonstration conducted through the Groundwater Stewardship Program for gifted/talented students this summer. The program, which also featured a number of field trips to sites such as the Rouge River basin, was taught by Romulus High School teacher Teresa Kamensky and sponsored by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency.

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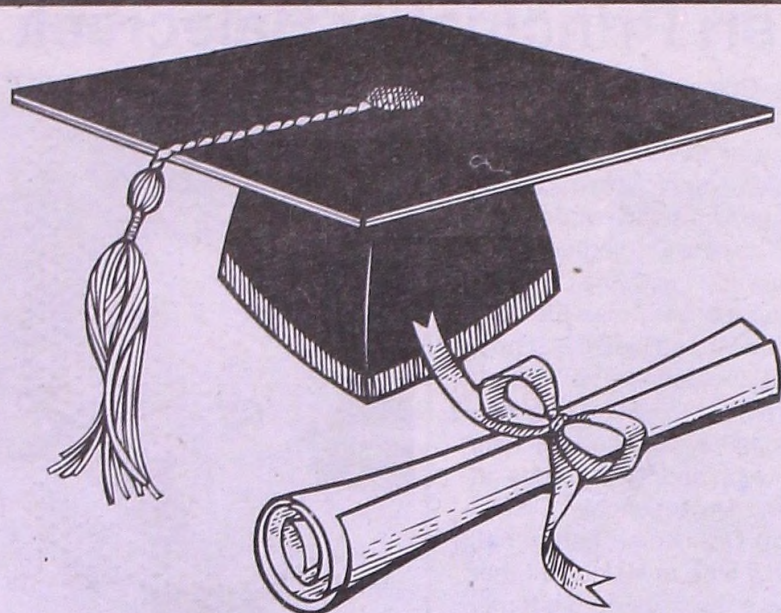
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*See Article on Facing Page*

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## GED (Equal to Diploma) PREPARATION CLASSES

**All GED (General Education Diploma) Preparation Classes Started the Week of August 20th**

- Pre-GED: Take this if you need to learn more math and English skills
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### **GED Test Alert!**

In January 2002 a new version of the GED test will be implemented. Students who have already completed part of the test must finish before January or start over. Adult Education will run two terms of classes before the new test goes into effect.

**TERM 1: August 20th through October 19th.**

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# 27 New Teachers Join Romulus Schools' Staff

A total of 27 new staff members will be joining Romulus Community Schools for the 2001-2002 school year, according to Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources. The new employees have already taken part in an orientation program that included a tour of the Romulus community, and have also received extensive summer training on the district's procedures and new technology systems.

The new staff members include:

- Rhonda Askew (Cory Elementary, second grade)
- Marsha Barker (Romulus High School, special education)
- Patricia Barthwell (Romulus Elementary, sixth grade)
- Joseph Bugireno (Romulus High School, language arts)
- Sarah Carter (Halecreek Elementary, fifth grade)
- Sara Davis (Romulus Elementary, fourth grade)
- Shawn Dickson (Romulus Elementary, second grade)
- Tamra Ford (Romulus Middle School, foreign languages)
- Katherine Heideman-Rokakis (Romulus High School, French)
- Scott Jastrzab (Barth Elementary, fourth grade)
- Renee Kish (Merriman Elementary, social worker)
- Monica Lewis (Romulus High School, language arts)
- Ruthanne Lhiva (Merriman Elementary, fifth grade)
- Julie Mason (Halecreek Elementary, sixth grade)
- Richard McCallum (Romulus High School, math)
- Michele Misiak (Merriman Elementary, fourth grade)
- Jaime Nelson (Romulus High School, language arts)
- Wendy Pochota (Romulus High School, math)
- David Pelc (Halecreek Elementary, fourth grade)
- Anthony Redmond (Romulus High School, social worker)
- Lori Siegenthaler (Barth Elementary, third grade)
- Andrew Stewart (Romulus High School, science)
- Lisa Teefey (Romulus High School/Romulus Middle School, special education)
- Cynthia Thackaberry (Romulus High School, technology/marketing)
- Emily Wiczorek (Romulus Middle School, language arts)
- Regan Wisely (Romulus Elementary, second grade)
- Howard Wright (Community High School, language arts). □



In keeping with the "make someone's day" tenet of the school district's *Fish!* philosophy, which promotes a positive mental attitude, a recent orientation program for new teachers included a small celebration for those with August birthdays, including (from left) Shawn Dickson, Michele Misiak, Monica Lewis, Jaime Nelson, and Lisa Teefey.



Also among the new teachers attending the orientation program were (from left) Cyndy Thackaberry, Sarah Carter, Lori Siegenthaler, and Michele Misiak.

## Don't Miss the Testing Deadline! Pass Your GED Before January

By Sharman Spieser, Romulus & Van Buren Adult Education

Are you someone who didn't get your high-school diploma because you: (a) became pregnant; (b) got married; (c) needed to work to give your family financial assistance; or (d) are part of a family that moved around a lot? If you answered "yes" to any one of these questions, you are not alone. Two out of three so-called "dropouts" had to leave high school because of other demands in their lives. They weren't "dropping out"; they were "helping out" with their families!

It doesn't matter why you left high school; if you've always wanted to complete your high-school education, now is your chance, because the Romulus & Van Buren Adult and Community Education program is offering morning, afternoon, and evening GED preparation classes beginning this month. Participants should register and start attending class by September 1; the GED test will be given in October.

Just think: You can have your GED certificate before the end of the year!

Many people are unaware that the current GED test is being changed and that the new test will start in January. If you've taken the old test and passed some sections, those passing scores *will not count* toward successful completion of the new test. That's one of many reasons that we're encouraging anyone who wants to earn a GED certificate (which is "equal to" a high-school diploma) to register now for the fall class.

The GED prep course that starts this month runs twice a week for 10 weeks. If you are 20 or older, the class is *free* (the State of Michigan pays your tuition). You *do not have to live in Romulus* to take these classes.

Most of the GED students in the Romulus/Van Buren program are balancing busy schedules with family and work responsibilities, and many have been out of school for 10 to 20 years. Adult Education teachers understand this. They teach respectful, comfortable classes where everyone learns and where students find that they *can* succeed and *will* pass the GED test.

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Other new teachers include (from left): seated – Kathy Rokakis, Tamra Ford, Ruthanne Lhiva, Emily Wiczorek, and Renee Kish; standing – Richard McCallum and Joseph Bugireno.



## "New Elementary" Parents Meet

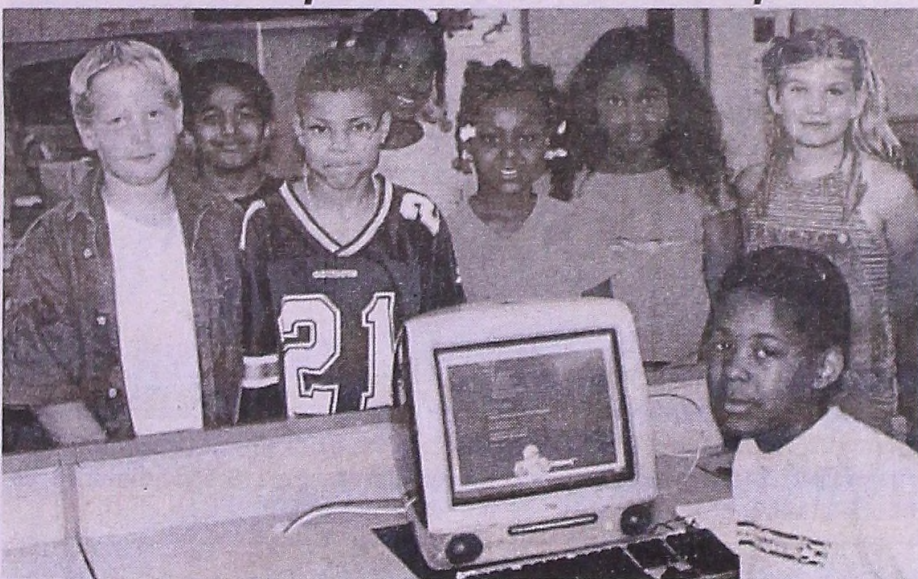


Taking part in the recent meeting at Romulus Elementary were (from left): front row – Marjie McAnally, Keith Zavitz, Amanda Zavitz, Charlie Faye, Brenda Brown, and Darlene Bennett; back row – Craig Nefsey, Julie Nefsey, Beth Ward, Kelly Collier, Rick Zavitz, Larry Nastal, Lisa Nastal, and Principal Lynne Mossoian.

A number of parents attended a recent meeting at Romulus Elementary School. Principal Lynne Mossoian was on hand to explain some of the new school's opening procedures, which will include a special student/parent walk-through orientation program that has been set for Monday, August 27, from 5 to 7 p.m.

During the meeting, Mossoian presented an agenda of items to consider for the upcoming year, including school activities, fund-raisers, and special issues like the selection of school colors. She also answered questions on topics like class size (generally in the low 20s) and assured everyone that the building will be ready in time for school to open.

## Students Explore World of Computers



Gifted/talented students who took part in a "World of Computers" enrichment class this summer included (standing, from left) Mike Behnke, Kazam Sheika, Julian Williams, India Williams, Daijah Street, Alexis Jones, Leanne Dawson, and (seated) Cody Barnes.

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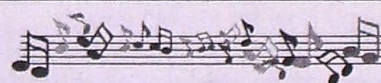
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# ST. ALOYSIUS - ROMULUS FESTIVAL

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**Friday, August 24th thru Sunday, August 26th**  
**POLKA MASS - SUNDAY AT 11:00 A.M.**

For more information, call 734-941-5056



ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE	
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## St. Aloysius Festival Opens

Alas, the end of summer is near, but Romulus-area residents can finish it off with a bang by attending the 51st annual St. Aloysius Festival.

Everyone is invited to take part in this "local institution," which will be held at St. Aloysius Catholic Church on Friday, August 24, from 6 p.m. to midnight; Saturday, August 25, from 1 p.m. to midnight; and Sunday, August 26, from 1 to 9 p.m.

Highlights include:

### Dunk Tank

This year's dunk tank will give community residents a chance to tell local politicians and other prominent citizens, "Go soak your head!" ... then make them do just that! Those who have good-naturedly agreed to take part in the fun include (all times are p.m.):

- Stacey Prater (Fri., 6:30 to 7:30)
- Bill Sovinski III (Fri., 7:30 to 8:30; Sat., 8:30 to 9:30)
- Bill Crane (Sat., 1:30 to 2:30)
- Mike Gamble (Sat., 2:30 to 3:30)
- LeRoy Burcroff (Sat., 3:30 to 4:30)
- Mike Prybyla (Sat., 4:30 to 5:30)
- Bill Crova (Sat., 5:30 to 6:30)
- Bill Wadsworth (Sat., 6:30 to 7:30)
- Randy Gear (Sat., 7:30 to 8:30)
- Mary Confer (Sun., 1:30 to 2:30)
- Dawn Forter (Sun., 2:30 to 3:30)
- Don Morris (Sun., 3:30 to 4:30)
- Alan Lambert (4:30 to 5:30)
- Steve Lewkowicz (5:30 to 6:30)
- Mike Wojtylko (6:30 to 7:30)

### Las Vegas Games

For many festival-goers, one of the biggest attractions is the Las Vegas tent, where adults (age 18 and older) can try their luck at the game of blackjack. Betting varies from a minimum of \$1 to a maximum of \$5, with a maximum winnings per person per day of \$500. This year, the tent will be open throughout the Festival.

### Raffles

Of course, the easiest way to try your luck is to invest in a few raffle tickets (see advertisement at left for details). Since the proceeds from all raffles benefit the St. Aloysius General Fund, you'll want to buy plenty of each!

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### Games/Arcade

Because the St. Aloysius Festival is meant to be a special event enjoyed by the entire community, those who put together the games and arcade section of the Festival try their best to offer a mixture of attractions for wide appeal. Both the young and the young-at-heart will enjoy this year's assortment.

### Entertainment

Music will again be the backbone of the free entertainment at the St. Aloysius Festival. Check the entertainment schedule in the advertisement at left to see when your favorite bands are playing, then come out to listen - or, better yet, dance!

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### ...and Drink

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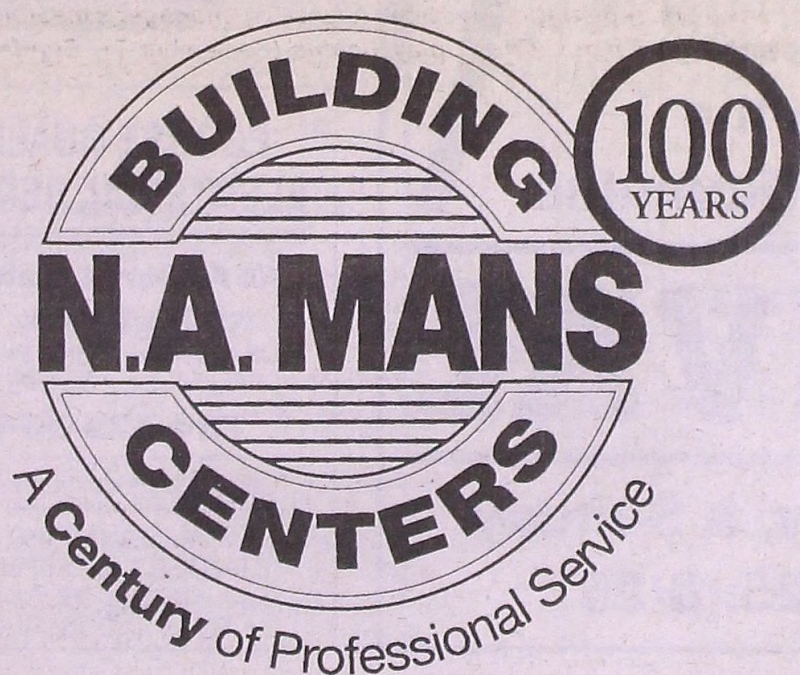


## Teachers Receive Summer Training



Betty Santo (left), life management teacher at Romulus Middle School, and Vicki Schmidt, adult education/GED teacher, take part in a Website-design workshop – one of many tech training programs offered to Romulus Community Schools teachers this summer.

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### REGULAR MEETING, JULY 23, 2001

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, July 23, 2001, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Alan R. Lambert.

Roll call showed members April Frayer, Michael Woods, Betty Lenossi, Billy McCraight, Debbie Dick, and Alan Lambert present. Member Cheryle Buckley was excused. All administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Lambert.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

7/01/21 Moved by Lenossi supported by Dick to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

7/01/22 Moved by Dick supported by Lenossi that the Board approve the Minutes of the Statutory and Regular meetings held July 9, 2001, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

##### Personnel Actions

Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

##### Non-union Support Staff Salary Adjustment

7/01/23 Moved by Lenossi supported by Woods that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Director of Human Resources to approve an increase for non-union hourly staff for the 2001-2002 school year. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Retirement Resolutions

7/01/24 Moved by McCraight supported by Frayer to approve the resolution in recognition of years of service to the Romulus Community Schools for Leota McCraight. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

7/01/25 Moved by McCraight supported by Lenossi to approve the resolutions in recognition of years of service to the Romulus Community Schools for Lynne Cadden and Michael Cadden. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

7/01/26 Moved by McCraight supported by Frayer to approve the resolution in recognition of years of service to the Romulus Community Schools for Carol Straight. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Bills for Payment

7/01/27 Moved by McCraight supported by Dick that the Board approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William A. Routhier, Director of Finance. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Annual Reports – Middle School, High School

Mr. Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum, reviewed the Middle School and High School annual reports for the school year 2000/2001 as provided by staff.

##### Progress on Buildings

Mr. William Routhier, Director of Finance, updated the Board on the status of the new elementary school, pool, High School renovations, building renovations, boilers, and technology.

##### Committee Appointments

President Alan Lambert appointed members of the Board of Education to committees as follows:

**Finance Committee** – Debbie Dick, Betty Lenossi, and Billy McCraight.

**Policy Committee** – Debbie Dick, Billy McCraight, and Michael Woods.

**Personnel Committee** – Cheryle Buckley, April Frayer, and Michael Woods.

##### Communications and Expressions from the Public

There were no communications from the public.

##### Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: (1) Communication – Senator Debbie Stabenow – re: ESEA; (2) Communication – NCA – Commending Deborah Juriga; (3) Rethinking and Redesigning Education Assessment; (4) Communication – EMU – re: Romulus Day; (5) District-wide Performance of Third-grade Students; (6) Communication – Marlene Davis – Accreditation; (7) Communication – Business Professionals of America – Recognizing Tracie Finley for Ambassador Torch Award; and (8) Romulus Middle School – Summer School Report.

##### QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Debbie Dick questioned A.P. testing and number and percentage of students passing. Mrs. Dick also questioned the number of expected students for each kindergarten classroom in our elementary schools for the fall, and expressed concern about heating units at the Burton Center being replaced. Betty Lenossi questioned as to whether all teachers had been hired for fall. Mrs. Lenossi also informed the Board that a senior citizen from AARP had been hired for Head Start custodial work at the Burton Center. Michael Woods questioned the test (Terra Nova) for third-grade students in Romulus schools.

##### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

7/01/28 Moved by Woods supported by Frayer to convene in Executive Session. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:20 p.m.

7/01/29 Moved by Lenossi supported by McCraight to reconvene in Regular Session. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 7:28 p.m.

##### ADJOURNMENT:

7/01/30 Moved by McCraight supported by Lenossi that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Billy McCraight, Secretary, Romulus Board of Education



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  - **Donations Needed** - The Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency (Region III and Region IV) is asking for donations for its fourth annual Community Baby Shower, which will benefit dozens of low-income mothers-to-be and new mothers in our area. Cash or new, unwrapped items are equally welcome. For more information, or to find out about how this program can benefit you and your baby, call Katrina Kelly at 734-782-6332.
  - **Cruise Night** - Romulus Auto Supply and Romulus Showtime Video invite you to dress up '50s style, get into your classic car, drive over to their downtown parking lot on Goddard Road, and spend a warm summer night bringing back old memories (or making new ones) on "Cruise Night" - a weekly event that will feature the simple pleasures of hot dogs, soft drinks, good music, and even better company. Cruise Night runs from 6 p.m. until dark every Tuesday (next date: August 28) through the end of September. For more information, call 734-942-7999.
  - **Blood Drive** - State Representative Ray Basham and the Michigan State Police Metro South Post (Taylor) are co-sponsoring a community blood drive at the Post (12111 Telegraph Road) on Thursday, August 30, from 1 to 7 p.m. Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in general good health. Complimentary T-shirts will be given to all donors. For information, call Basham (517-373-0852), Trooper Al Neal (734-287-5000), or Diane Ashburn/American Red Cross (313-724-0109).
  - **Fall Softball** - The Romulus Recreation Department is now accepting registrations for the ISA Fall Softball program, with play in the following divisions: **Tuesday Co-ed** (6 teams/10 games/1 umpire; \$300 per team); **Friday Men's** (6 teams/10 games/2 umpires; \$325 per team); and **Sunday Men's** (10 teams/9 games/2 umpires; \$325 per team). Fees also cover balls, scorekeepers, and field maintenance. Both men's divisions will be limited to six home runs per team per game. Some important dates to remember: **registration deadline** (August 31), **manager's meeting** (September 4, 7 p.m.), **Friday play begins** (September 7), **Sunday play begins** (September 9), and **Tuesday play begins** (September 11). For more information, call Keith Brothers at 734-942-6852.
  - **Nursery Hosts Rose Programs** - Great Lakes Roses (49875 Willow Road, Belleville) will host the following free programs that are open to the public without reservations: **Fall Planting of Roses** (September 2), **Insect and Disease Control for Roses** (September 9), **Succeed with Climbing Roses** (September 16), **Marvelous Miniature Roses** (September 23), **Winter-hardy Roses** (September 30), and **Winter Preparation for Roses** (October 7; repeated October 14). All programs begin at 1 p.m. and last for about one hour. Participants should come dressed for the weather. For more information, visit [www.GreatLakesRoses.com](http://www.GreatLakesRoses.com) or call 734-461-1230 to request an informative flyer.
  - **Little League Elects Officers** - Romulus Little League Baseball will hold its annual meeting for the election of officers at the Romulus Recreation Center (36515 Bibbins in the downtown area) on Friday, September 7, at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome. For more information, call 734-955-6204.
  - **The Mayor's Chair** - The next edition of the monthly *Mayor's Chair* program will air on cable channel 12 beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 13. Anyone who would like to be present when the program is taped must be seated in the Council Chambers at Romulus City Hall (11111 South Wayne Road, at Goddard) by 6:15 p.m. Beginning at 6 p.m., home viewers can ask questions by calling 734-942-7571.
  - **PWP Hosts Dance Events** - Downriver Chapter 369 of Parents Without Partners invites single parents to attend its "Show Your School Spirit" Dance, to be held at the Taylor Moose (9981 South Telegraph, between Wick and Goddard) on Friday, September 14, and its "Homecoming Metro" Dance on Saturday, September 22 (both from 9 p.m. to 12:45 a.m.) Cash bar. DJ: Sound Spectrum. Cost is \$5 for members; \$7 for nonmembers. Call the Chapter Hotline (313-388-8488) or Membership Info (734-284-7330).
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- Romulus at Kennedy or Carlson (Wed., Sept. 19, 5:30 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti at Romulus (Fri., Sept. 21, 4:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Allen Park (Mon., Sept. 24, 4 p.m.)
- Lincoln Park at Romulus (Wed., Sept. 26, 4:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at River Rouge (Mon., Oct. 1, 4:30 p.m.)
- Wayne at Romulus (Fri., Oct. 5, 4:30 p.m.)
- Kennedy or Carlson at Romulus (Mon., Oct. 8, 4:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti (Wed., Oct. 10, 5:30 p.m.)
- Allen Park at Romulus (Mon., Oct. 15, 4:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Lincoln Park (Wed., Oct. 17, 4 p.m.)

*Schedule subject to change***RHS Cross Country****VARSITY**

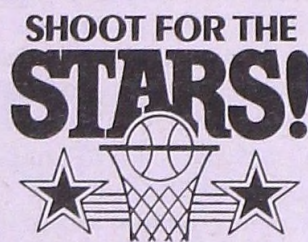
- Romulus at Ypsilanti\* (Thurs., Sept. 13, TBA)
  - Romulus at Melvindale\* (Thurs., Sept. 27, TBA)
  - Romulus at Willow Run (Thurs., Oct. 2, 4 p.m.)
  - Romulus at Willow Run\* (Thurs., Oct. 11, TBA)
- \*competing teams include: Annapolis, Carlson, Highland Park, Inkster, Kennedy, Melvindale, River Rouge, Robichaud, Thurston, Willow Run, and Ypsilanti

*Schedule subject to change***RMS Football**

- Ecorse at Romulus (Thurs., Sept. 20, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Allen Park (Thurs., Sept. 27, 3:45 p.m.)
- Melvindale at Romulus (Thurs., Oct. 4, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Inkster (Wed., Oct. 10, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at River Rouge (Thurs., Oct. 18, 4 p.m.)
- Southgate at Romulus (Thurs., Nov. 1, 2:45 p.m.)

*Schedule subject to change***RMS Girls' Basketball**

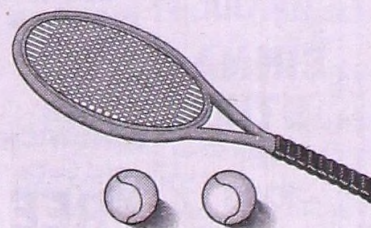
- Romulus at Ypsilanti East (Mon., Sept. 17, 3:45 p.m.)
- Hoover at Romulus (Wed., Sept. 19, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville North (Mon., Sept. 24, 3:45 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti West at Romulus (Wed., Sept. 26, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville South (Mon., Oct. 1, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti West (Wed., Oct. 3, 3:45 p.m.)
- Willow Run at Romulus (Mon., Oct. 8, 3:45 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti East at Romulus (Wed., Oct. 10, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Hoover (Mon., Oct. 15, 3:45 p.m.)
- Belleville North at Romulus (Wed., Oct. 17, 3:45 p.m.)

*Schedule subject to change***RHS Girls' Basketball****VARSITY/JUNIOR VARSITY**

- Romulus at Lincoln Park (Tues., Aug. 28, 5:30 p.m.)
- Edsel Ford at Romulus (Thurs., Sept. 6, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Fordson (Tues., Sept. 11, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Carlson (Tues., Sept. 18, 5:30 p.m.)
- Kennedy at Romulus (Thurs., Sept. 20, 5:30 p.m.)
- Fordson at Romulus (Tues., Sept. 25, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Redford Union (Thurs., Sept. 27, 5:30 p.m.)
- Willow Run at Romulus (Tues., Oct. 2, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Allen Park (Thurs., Oct. 4, 5:30 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti at Romulus (Tues., Oct. 9, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Wayne (Thurs., Oct. 11, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at River Rouge (Tues., Oct. 16, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Kennedy (Thurs., Oct. 18, 5:30 p.m.)
- Redford Union at Romulus (Tues., Oct. 23, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Willow Run (Thurs., Oct. 25, 5:30 p.m.)
- Allen Park at Romulus (Tues., Oct. 30, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti (Thurs., Nov. 1, 5:30 p.m.)
- Wayne at Romulus (Tues., Nov. 6, 5:30 p.m.)
- Garden City at Romulus (Thurs., Nov. 8, 5:30 p.m.)

*Schedule subject to change***RHS Girls' Tennis****VARSITY/JUNIOR VARSITY**

- Annual Kickoff Scrimmage (Thurs., Aug. 23, 8:30 a.m.)
- Romulus at Robichaud (Mon., Aug. 27, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Truman (Tues., Aug. 28, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Jefferson (V) (Thurs., Aug. 30, 4 p.m.)
- Jefferson at Romulus (JV) (Thurs., Aug. 30, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Wayne (Wed., Sept. 5, 4 p.m.)
- Annapolis at Romulus (Fri., Sept. 7, 4 p.m.)
- Highland Park at Romulus (Mon., Sept. 10, 4 p.m.)
- Lincoln Park at Romulus (Fri., Sept. 14, 4 p.m.)
- Robichaud at Romulus (Mon., Sept. 17, 4 p.m.)
- Wayne at Romulus (Fri., Sept. 21, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Annapolis (Mon., Sept. 24, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Highland Park (Wed., Sept. 26, 4 p.m.)
- Jefferson at Romulus (V) (Thurs., Sept. 27, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Jefferson (JV) (Thurs., Sept. 27, 4 p.m.)
- News-Herald Tournament (Sat., Sept. 29, 8:30 a.m.)
- Romulus at Oak Park (Mon., Oct. 1, 4:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Lincoln Park (Wed., Oct. 3, 4 p.m.)

*Schedule subject to change***RHS Football****VARSITY**

- Wayne at Romulus (Fri., Aug. 24, 7 p.m.)
- Monroe at Romulus (Fri., Aug. 31, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Allen Park (Fri., Sept. 7, 7:30 p.m.)
- Fordson at Romulus (Fri., Sept. 14, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville (Fri., Sept. 21, 7 p.m.)
- Wyandotte at Romulus (Fri., Sept. 28, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Garden City (Fri., Oct. 5, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Lincoln Park (Fri., Oct. 12, 7 p.m.)

**JUNIOR VARSITY**

- Romulus at Wayne (Thurs., Aug. 23, TBA)
- Romulus at Monroe (Thurs., Aug. 30, 6:30 p.m.)
- Allen Park at Romulus (Thurs., Sept. 6, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Fordson (Thurs., Sept. 13, 4 p.m.)
- Belleville at Romulus (Thurs., Sept. 20, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Wyandotte (Thurs., Sept. 27, 6:30 p.m.)
- Garden City at Romulus (Thurs., Oct. 4, 7 p.m.)
- Lincoln Park at Romulus (Thurs., Oct. 11, 7 p.m.)

*Schedule subject to change***RHS Golf****VARSITY**

- Romulus at Belleville (Tues., Aug. 21, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus, Fordson, and Willow Run at Annapolis (Mon., Aug. 27, 2:30 p.m.)
- Annapolis at Romulus (Wed., Aug. 29, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Willow Run (Fri., Sept. 7, 3:30 p.m.)
- River Rouge at Romulus (Mon., Sept. 10, 3:30 p.m.)
- Melvindale at Romulus (Wed., Sept. 12, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Willow Run (Fri., Sept. 14, TBA)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti (Mon., Sept. 17, TBA)
- Fordson at Romulus (Wed., Sept. 19, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at River Rouge (Wed., Sept. 26, TBA)
- Romulus at Melvindale (Fri., Sept. 28, TBA)
- Ypsilanti at Romulus (Wed., Oct. 3, 3:30 p.m.)

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## Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Melissa Morton, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins downtown, please call 734-942-6852.)

### Transportation Update

During the past few months, the Romulus Senior Center has occasionally been unable to accommodate people who have called to make a transportation reservation. Program Coordinator Linda Norman reports that there are a number of reasons for the problem, including a recent increase in the number of appointments booked. She offers the following information about changes in the Center's transportation policies in order to better serve you.

- Transportation will now be available on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Transportation on Wednesdays and Fridays will vary according to staff availability.
- The cost to travel from one point in Romulus to another — round-trip or one-way — is \$1, with an additional \$.50 charge for each extra stop.
- The round-trip cost from Romulus to the Annapolis Oakwood area is \$3.
- The round-trip cost from Romulus to the Belleville Oakwood area is \$3.
- The round-trip cost from Romulus to the Heritage Oakwood area is \$6.
- It is advisable to make your appointment for pick-up at least 24 to 48 hours in advance, since the schedule fills up quickly.
- Special transportation requests may be approved.
- There is still no charge for transportation to and from the Senior Center.

To make your appointment, please call 734-942-6852.

### Fresh Produce

For a transportation charge of just \$1, local seniors can ride the Romulus Senior Center van to Block's Fruit and Vegetable Market on Thursday, August 30, to shop for fresh produce. The van will depart from the Center at 9:30 a.m.. Sign up to reserve your seat.

### Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 734-942-6852.

- **Branson, Missouri**  
(October 26-30; \$499);
- **Biloxi/New Orleans**  
(November 4-10; \$527); and
- **Turtle Creek/Traverse Bay**  
(November 16-17; \$85).

### Computer Classes

The Romulus Senior Center will be offering free computer classes this fall for seniors who qualify. Dates and times are pending. Register at the Center.

### Fall Bowling

Seniors interested in bowling with (or serving as an alternate for) the Monday Bowling League are asked to attend a meeting to be held at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 5, at the Romulus Senior Center. Bowling will resume September 10 at 9:30 a.m.

### Haircuts

The Romulus Senior Center's next haircut date is set for Monday, September 17, beginning at 9 a.m. If you would like to take advantage of this affordable (\$5) program, call the Center for an appointment. Note: Haircut clients are asked to wash their hair before coming to their appointment, as the Center does not have the necessary facilities.

### Health Checks

The Romulus Senior Center urges everyone interested in monitoring their health to attend the following events:

- FREE blood pressure, cholesterol, and sugar tests; no fasting required (Friday, August 24, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.), and
- FREE health screenings for everyone over 60; \$15 for all others (Friday, August 31, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.)

All testing programs will be conducted at the Senior Center. Although no appointment is necessary to take advantage of these monitoring services, it is important to remember that preregistration by enough people ensures that the programs will not be canceled.

Sign up at the Center.

### Hot Lunch

For just \$1.75, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Center any weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call at least 24 hours in advance to make your reservation.

### Volunteer Positions Open

The Romulus Senior Center is always looking for friendly volunteers who would like to become more involved in the Center by helping to plan and execute its various programs. To find out more about how you can give the priceless gift of caring, please contact Linda Norman, Program Coordinator. □

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## Malloys' 19th Anniversary Celebrated in NASCAR Style



(From left) Vanessa, Pat, Danylle, and Adam Malloy.

By Dawn Malloy

For our nineteenth anniversary, I got my husband Pat a gift that I knew he would love: a chance to drive a NASCAR (National Association of Stock Car Auto Racing) Winston Cup stock car through the "Richard Petty Driving Experience." You can choose the racetrack and package you want; I chose the new track (Chicagoland) in Joliet, Illinois.

After some instructions and a video, Pat got to drive a stock car for eighteen laps. During the first eight laps, they let you get familiar with the car and track. When you come in, they let you know what you need to change and what you need to do to improve your times. The second time out (the last ten laps), Pat

was not as nervous and he was able to make some adjustments. By the eighteenth lap, he hit 143.56 mph! He was so excited!

Afterward, we let our three children (Danylle, 17; Adam, 15; and Vanessa, 14) take advantage of the "Ride Along with a Professional" program. Each got three laps around the track, reaching a top speed of 160 mph!

It is something that the Malloys will never forget.

A big thanks to Richard Petty for offering NASCAR fans this kind of opportunity. For more information about the "Richard Petty Driving Experience," call 1-800-BE PETTY or visit the Website at [1800BEPETTY.com](http://1800BEPETTY.com). □

## One McCraight Honors Another



Billy McCraight, Secretary of the Romulus Board of Education, enjoyed presenting wife Leota with the Board's retirement resolution honoring her for 28 years of service as a bus driver.

## Hamby Wins International Teen Crown



Della Hamby

Romulus High School junior Della Hamby has won the 31st annual Hal Jackson Talented Teens International competition held in New York City earlier this summer. As the "Miss Teen Michigan" representative, she competed against young minority women from 34 other states/nations to win the international title and re-

ceive prizes that include a \$5,000 college scholarship, a diamond ring, and trips to Europe, the Caribbean, and Disneyland.

Although she excelled in all four of the contest's judging areas (appearance, personality, achievement, and talent), Hamby believes that it was her modern dance/acrobatics performance to Bette Midler's "Stuff Like That There" – which received thunderous applause from the audience – that put her over the top.

Participation in the pageant was only part of the excitement enjoyed by Hamby and her fellow contestants. Their all-expense-paid trip also featured a visit to the famous Apollo Theater, a yacht cruise around New York City, special private guest performances by Alicia Keys and Musiq Soulchild, and a stop at "Justin's" to be serenaded by Brian McKnight, as well as an opportunity to attend the Broadway show, *Blast!*

Hamby is a multi-talented teen who is an outstanding dancer, percussionist, and cheerleader, as well as an honor student who maintains a 3.7 GPA. Her future dreams include attending the Julliard School for Performing Arts and someday "sampling the bright lights of Broadway." □

## Local Luau Enjoyed by All

It may have taken three years to bring the germ of an idea to fruition, but when Rich and Joyce Evans of Romulus and Pat and Carol Graczyk of Garden City hosted their long-anticipated Hawaiian Luau on August 11, it turned out to be well worth the wait.

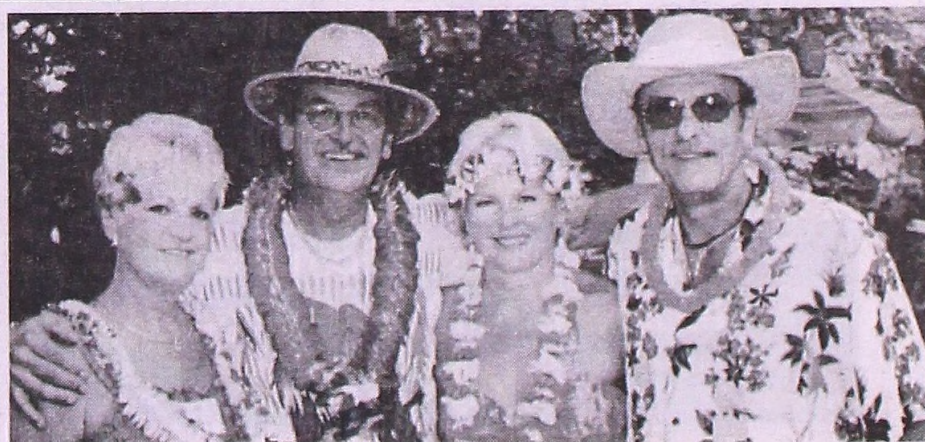
As the 120+ guests began to arrive, each was given a name tag with his/her name written in Hawaiian, courtesy of Connie Krebs of Belleville. Nearly all were dressed in Polynesian attire. Best-dressed male was Melvin Rakotz of Belleville, while Romulus resident Joanne Martineac (who wore an authentic Hawaiian dress) won the award for best-dressed female.

A potluck dinner – served promptly at 7 p.m. – featured delicious pork from a pig that Rich, Pat, and Joe Pricur of Southgate began roasting at 5 a.m. Afterward, everyone joined in the "chacha slide" and "limbo."

Another highlight of the evening was the 40th birthday celebration of twins Scott and Jeff Krebs. Lovely sheet-cakes made by Janet Miller of Belleville satisfied everyone's "sweet tooth."

When the fun was finally over, everyone agreed that the evening had turned out even better than expected.

"It really was a dream come true," said Carol. "The only things missing were Don Ho and mosquitos." □



(From left) Carol and Pat Graczyk and Joyce and Rich Evans.



## Academic Honors

### Jazmine Bennett Recognized



Jazmine Bennett

Jazmine Bennett, an honor-roll student at Romulus Middle School, has been recognized by the United States Achievement Academy for her superior academic performance. The academy selects its winners based upon the recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors. Selection criteria include academic performance, interests and aptitudes, leadership, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn/improve, citizenship, cooperative spirit, and dependability.

The daughter of Dan and Starr Bennett is the grandchild of Dagmar Bennett (Conklin, MI) and Marie Dailey (Romulus, MI). □

## Obituaries

### Arthur Bader

Arthur Bader of Pine Island, Florida, died in April of 2001 at the age of 79.

The former resident of Romulus, Michigan, was a 1940 graduate of Romulus High School, where he was a fullback on the championship football teams of '38-'40. In the 1950s,

Arthur owned Bader's Brown Derby restaurant/bar and cabin resort in Christmas, Michigan. Later, he went to work for Detroit Edison, from which he eventually retired.

Among those surviving him are two daughters and several nieces and nephews.

### Arthur Roy Russell

Arthur Roy Russell of Riverview, Michigan, died on Saturday, August 11, 2001, at the age of 80.

The former resident of Romulus, Michigan, served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and dedicated his life to the Wayne County Road Commission.

Arthur was the beloved husband of 49 years to Mary; dearest stepfather of Robert (Carol) Manning and Gerald (Connie) Manning; loving

grandfather to 6 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; dear brother of Herman (Elois) Russell, Marguerite Hoeft, Lillian McCafferty, and Elsie Russell; and dear uncle of several nephews and nieces.

Among those predeceasing him were his father, mother, and brothers Francis, Albert, and Charlie.

A memorial service was held on Thursday, August 16, at Michigan Memorial Cemetery (Flat Rock). □

### Virginia M. Stuckey

Virginia M. Stuckey of Sterling Heights, Michigan, passed away on Monday, August 13, 2001. She was 92 years old.

The native of Saginaw, Michigan, was born May 3, 1909.

Among those surviving her are three daughters, Dolores A. Witzgall (Romulus, MI), Doris Jean Stuckey (Troy, MI), and Carolyn J. (George) Grossfuss (The Villages, FL); four grandsons, Clifford McCurdy (Ro-

mulus), James McCurdy (Romulus), Kevin Grossfuss (North Carolina), and Keith Grossfuss (North Carolina); four great-grandsons, and one great-great-grandson. Her husband of 69 years, Clifford J. Stuckey, predeceased her on May 20, 1999.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, August 18, at Grand Lawn Cemetery (Detroit, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. □

## Graduation

### Hopewell Gets MA in Theological Studies



Evelyn Hopewell

Evelyn Hopewell of Romulus, Michigan, has earned a Master of Arts in theological studies from the Michigan Theological Seminary.

"Our prayer is that earning a degree at MTS will not only mean having a quality theological education, but also a

life that has grown closer to God," said Dr. Bruce W. Fong, MTS President.

Already an ordained minister in the Methodist faith, Hopewell said that the opportunity to further her theological studies was an answer to years of prayer. Although poor health will keep her from seeking a pastoral appointment, she plans to remain active in her calling through short-term projects such as workshops and conferences.

Hopewell has already touched the lives of many in her community. As a Romulus Community Schools employee, she taught health-occupations students for 13 years before her early retirement in 1998, and is fondly remembered by both students and coworkers. The former Brownie/Girl Scout leader was also an active member of the Parks Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church of Romulus before moving to her current place of worship, Campbell Chapel in Whitaker. □

## The Stork Arrived

### Spencer Haven Apsley

Annette and Paul Apsley, Jr., of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Spencer Haven Apsley, who made his appearance at Oakwood Hospital (Dearborn, MI) on Tuesday, June 5, 2001.

Among those giving the new arrival a warm welcome into the family were his maternal grandparents, Diana and Robert Burek (Romulus), and his paternal grandparents, Patricia and Michael Wunkel, Sr. (Westland, MI), and Paul Apsley, Sr. (St. Cloud, FL).



Spencer Haven Apsley

### Kara Nicole Ward



Kara Nicole Ward

Eric and Sarah Ward of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Kara Nicole Ward.

Kara was born in Henry Ford Hospital (Detroit, MI) at 7:54 a.m. on Thursday, July 5, 2001, weighing 5 pounds, 14 ounces, and measuring 18½ inches in length.

Especially excited about Kara's arrival was big brother Zachary, who is 2½ years old.

Also welcoming the newest addition to their family were Kara's paternal grandparents, Rick and Carol Ward (Romulus), and her maternal grandparents, Mike and Mary Dupuie (Carleton, MI). □



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